

Watoto Wazima Initiative

What is Watoto Wazima Initiative?

With funding from USAID, Watoto Wazima mobilizes and scales-up community-based responses to orphans and vulnerable children to enable them live a normal life. The project aims to empower these young people and their families with skills to enhance their productivity and improve livelihoods to meet the needs of caregiving.



Duration and Budget

June 2013 – June 2018
\$2.6 Million

Who implements Watoto Wazima Initiative?

Reformed Church of East Africa (RCEA)

Where does Watoto Wazima Initiative work?

Elgeyo Marakwet County, Turkana, Trans Nzoia, Uasin Gishu, West Pokot

What does Watoto Wazima Initiative do?

Watoto Wazima is providing support to orphans and vulnerable children to enable them to live a normal life. The project focuses on supporting community and family structures to create a positive, healthy and productive setting for at-risk young people by:

Improving essential services

Identifying and assessing the needs of orphans and

vulnerable children and their families, scaling up essential services such as education, health, birth registration, psychological support, housing and legal protection, and mobilizing county leaders and stakeholders to respond to their needs.

Strengthening community-based institutions

The activity is training community health volunteers and community institutions on child protection and support and raising awareness of orphans' needs and rights.

Building household and school capacity to respond

Other activities include: providing caregivers with psychosocial support and entrepreneurial skills, providing small grants to households to initiate income-generating activities and forming support groups and clubs to engage orphans and vulnerable children.

How will Watoto Wazima make a difference?

By the end of the project Watoto Wazima will provide comprehensive support to 16,000 orphans and vulnerable children, and build capacity of 4,000 caregivers through direct, home-based and effective referral services.

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